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Krasl Art Fair canceled

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — There will be no Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff this summer.

The 59th Annual event, set for July 11 and 12, was canceled Thursday due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Safety is Krasl Art Center's primary concern in making this decision," said KAC board president Susan Miller in a news release. "The safety of our 200 artists from around the country, the safety of our 50,000 annual patrons and, of course, the safety of our more than 400 volunteers who make each year's event the beloved community tradition it is."

In the history of the art fair, this will mark the first time the event has been canceled.

KAC staff and volunteers plan and coordinate the art fair year-round. It is a major fundraiser to support KAC's mission, according to the news release.

This year, more than 800 artists applied and a panel of jurors scored applicants, narrowing it down to 200 who were invited to participate.

All fees paid by artists for booth rental will be returned to them.

Dee Hodgson, KAC's development and art fair manager, said that many artists around the county are struggling right now with art fairs being canceled. KAC volunteers and staff are working to recognize these artists online, allowing patrons to view their artwork, connect with the artists, and support them in these times.

"We strive to support the 2020 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff artists and encourage patrons to consider collecting from these carefully selected artists," Hodgson said. "We may not be able to gather together in person to enjoy art fair weekend, but we look forward to featuring the invited artists on our website and through social media engagement. We encourage patrons to buy art from old and new favorite artists."

Online information about the artists will soon be up at krasl.org.

The 2021 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff is scheduled for July 10-11, 2021.

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Crowds browse among hundreds of artists at a previous Krasl Art Fair On The Bluff in downtown St. Joseph. This year's fair has been canceled, due to the ongoing pandemic.

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A truck drives through a flooded section of North Whittaker Street in New Buffalo on Thursday after heavy rain and high winds caused the flooding.

New Buffalo hit with 'perfect storm'

Heavy rainfall, high winds lead to flooding

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

NEW BUFFALO — A portion of New Buffalo was under water Thursday after high winds and consistent rainfall flooded a handful of streets.

After three days of rain and wind gusts hitting 45 mph, Lake Michigan water levels rose and were pushed across North Whittaker Street.

City Manager David Richards said the water began to recede Thursday after the city was forced to close the street Wednesday afternoon.

"This was the most severe flooding that I've experienced since I've been manager," Richards said. "There was a lot of wind coming off the lake and we also had a lot of rain that raised the level for the Galien River. We had a bit of a perfect storm."

Richards said the flooding was centered around the temporary seawall the city paid to

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A pump helps reduce some of the flooding along North Whittaker Street in New Buffalo on Thursday.

Whirlpool records earnings drop as uncertainty reigns

COVID-19 saps profits in latter portion of appliance maker's first quarter

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. saw its first-quarter earnings fall compared to last year's first three months of the fiscal year.

The Benton Harbor appliance maker revealed its first-quarter net earnings Thursday to be $152 million, or $2.41 per share. Earnings were down compared to the $471 million, or $7.31 per share, recorded for the first quarter of 2019.

Analysts had expected the company to earn $2.62 per share, according to figures compiled by Thomson Reuters.

In addition to releasing disappointing figures – which reflect the start of the pandemic – the company's revenue for the quarter fell 9 percent, to $4.33 billion from $4.76 billion last year.

Whirlpool CEO and Chairman Marc Bitzer said he believes the underlying momentum the company saw early in the quarter will return. Bitzer said they are "prepared to win in the economic recovery."

"Whirlpool has a 108-year history of leading through challenges, and we are leveraging our leadership position to support our employees, consumers and communities during this difficult time, while driving our business forward," Bitzer said in a news release. "Our strong performance in the first quarter reflects the hard work of our employees, our relentless focus on delivering on our commitment to consumers, and the resilience of our business. Our fixed cost discipline and strong liquidity position enables us to weather this crisis and emerge in a position of strength."

Whirlpool has reeled under sluggish demand and supply-chain disruptions due to the government-ordered shutdown of various manufacturing facilities, forced by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Whirlpool has had to temporarily close a couple plants due to employees testing positive for the coronavirus. At the beginning of April, Whirlpool announced it would require salaried employees in the U.S. to take two-week furloughs to soften the economic blow the company that was felt after a month of statewide restrictions.

Persistent sluggishness in

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Van Buren, Cass counties stay vigilant

Health officials there on guard for any COVID clusters

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

HARTFORD — Van Buren and Cass county health officials say they don't know if they will ever see an influx of COVID-19 cases, but they're prepared if they do.

"An increase of cases in rural counties is something we've been concerned about right from the get go," said Dr. Larry Wile, medical director for the Van Buren Cass District Health Department (VBCDHD), in a phone interview Thursday.

As of Thursday, Van Buren County has recorded 49 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, while Cass has had 31.

To put that into some context, Cass County has a population of about 51,000, and Van Buren has a population of about 75,000.

Neighboring Berrien County has about 153,000 people, and has seen 242 confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Danielle Persky, director of health promotions for the VBCDHD, said Van Buren and Cass are right in line on case numbers with other counties across the state with similar populations.

Wile said the four COVID-19 deaths that have occurred in the counties are also on trend with national and state trends.

"Mostly over 60, and some with underlying health problems and some without," he said. "We're following national trends. We're not seeing any patterns outside of that."

Besides having smaller populations, Wile said another reason for lower case numbers in their counties is that testing capabilities are just now expanding.

Jeff Elliott, health officer for the VBCDHD, said that with Cass County boarding Indiana, many residents might even seek a COVID-19 test there because that's where their medical provider is.

Right now there are four places people can be tested

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InterCare expands number of drive-through testing sites

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

BANGOR — InterCare Community Health Network has expanded the number of locations where it offers drive-through testing for COVID-19 virus.

The health network launched new sites this week at their health clinics in Bangor and Pullman, to add to their drive-through test site in Benton Harbor.

The Bangor clinic will conduct drive-through tests from 1-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Drive-through testing is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pullman clinic.

People do not have to obtain a lab order from their physician before coming to be tested, according Judy Rayman, chief operating officer for InterCare.

"We are encouraging everyone to contact their primary care provider to get a lab order so their provider is aware of their health concerns, however, it is not required," she said.

If people can't get a lab order or don't have a regular medical provider, InterCare staff will assess them and test them for COVID-19 if they meet testing criteria. People who don't have insurance will not be charged for testing.

The following people qualify for testing: individuals with mild symptoms (known or unknown exposure); critical infrastructure workers with symptoms; critical infrastructure workers without symptoms, but with known exposure to the virus; first responders with symptoms; individuals living in long-term care facilities with mild symptoms; individuals living in communal living arrangements with mild symptoms;

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Michigan House doesn't extend gov's virus emergency order

By DAVID EGGERT and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
Associated Press

LANSING — The Republican-led Michigan House refused Thursday to extend the state's coronavirus emergency declaration and voted to authorize a lawsuit challenging Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's authority and actions to combat the pandemic.

The step came as hundreds of conservative activists, including some who were openly carrying guns, returned to the Capitol to denounce her stay-at-home order.

Whitmer wanted lawmakers to extend her emergency declaration by 28 days. It expires late Thursday. But at the same time, she believes she has other powers to respond to the crisis and does not need a legislatively-approved extension except to ensure that health care workers would continue to have special legal protections. She has said the state of emergency will continue regardless.

The declaration is the foundation for Whitmer's stay-at-home measure, which will remain in effect through May 15, and other directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus. It has infected more than 41,000 Michigan residents and contributed to the deaths of 3,789. The virus and the steps taken to curb it, including the closure of nonessential businesses, have had a devastating effect on the economy.

The House voted 59-41, along party lines, for a bill that would temporarily codify many of Whitmer's orders but not her stay-at-home directive. Restaurants could begin dine-in service on May 16, when bars, casinos, gyms and other places of public accommodations also could reopen.

Businesses open to the public would have to adhere to social distancing and other mitigation measures until May 30. The state Senate remained in session to consider the legislation despite a certain veto by Whitmer.

House Speaker Lee Chatfield, a Levering Republican, said the death toll is "terrible," but other lives have been "negatively impacted unnecessarily because of how we have handled this pandemic. We believe we you can prioritize public health yet be reasonable in your approach to fighting COVID."

Democrats opposed the legislation and the pending legal action.

"We cannot win this fight with our hands tied behind our backs," said state Rep. Tyrone Carter, a Detroit Democrat who recovered from COVID-19. "We must ensure that our state can respond quickly and decisively to a situation that changes day by day. That means ensuring that our governor has the emergency powers necessary to lead us in this fight."

Outside the Capitol, speakers took turns addressing a crowd on the lawn. Meanwhile, drivers leaned on their horns as they traveled past, a repeat of what occurred April 15 but not close to the thousands who participated in vehicles at that time, which paralyzed traffic for miles.

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Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
7D-2H-8H-10H-9S
Midday Daily 3
0-4-6
Midday Daily 4
5-8-4-0
Daily 3
8-4-5
Daily 4
3-1-4-0
Fantasy 5
11-18-25-36-39
Keno
01-04-06-11-14-15-21-26-30-41-43-44-45-46-48-49-59-62-63-68-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$200 million
Powerball jackpot
$51 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
02-20-49-61-67, Powerball: 20, Power Play: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
01-02-04-36-40
Cash4Life
03-06-13-22-57, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
07-24-27-37-38-39
Quick Draw Midday
02-05-09-14-23-24-26-33-36-37-38-39-40-50-51-52-60-66-75-77, BE: 9
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2-4-4, SB: 5
Daily Three-Evening
0-7-5, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
3-3-5-7, SB: 5
Daily Four-Evening
4-7-9-2, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
03-12-13-16-20-22-23-25-26-32-39-45-53-54-56-63-69-72-75-79, BE: 23
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05-07-17-34-44-46
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-04-38-39-40
Pick Three-Midday
1-8-5, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
5-6-2, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
5-6-1-7, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Evening
4-2-9-0, Fireball: 3
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Before the virus: Looking back on some last 'normal' moments

By LEANNE ITALIE
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People stroll along the Seine river banks at sunset in Paris on March 15. Like so many catastrophes before the coronavirus pandemic, memories are settling in of the "old normal," for better or worse.

The coronavirus scare has done something to time. The days, weeks, and now the months, have blurred and stretched as talk of reopening the world has taken over for millions waiting and wondering at home.

There are few of life's usual rhythms. And like so many cataclysms before this one, memories are settling in of the old times, for better or worse.

What was normal then and isn't now? Here's what a few people around the world had to say about their last "normal" moment before the pandemic took hold:

New York

"We kinda just held a going-away party. ... We had a 'Cheers' moment. We basically just drank whatever was on the shelf. It was like, we may never see this place open ever again. We just had fun and danced. People kept showing up that I hadn't seen in years. ... We knew we were going to see hard times after that night."

■ Rafael Familia, a barback now living in his aunt's spare room. He remembered the night of March 16, when the bar where he was working was told to shut down suddenly. He recalls: "It was one of the most bizarre things ever. There was no point in being angry."

Paris

"There were tears, there was joy, there was music. Some people spoke, others could not bring themselves to speak. There was sharing. There was warmth. The things I miss, all the things we don't have now."

■ Paris undertaker Franck Vasseur, recalling the last funeral he oversaw before lockdowns began. It was in February at Père Lachaise, the famous, celebrity-studded French cemetery. Now, "we have nothing," he said. "Just bodies being evacuated."

New Zealand

"I was lost, almost. I'd been training so long. All of sudden my year's goal, my all-time goal, had to be put away."

■ Nicole van der Kaay, an Olympic hopeful for triathlon, describing her feeling when she had to rush home to New Zealand and then learned of the Games' postponement shortly after her own last normal moment, a March 14 World Cup triathlon at Australia's Mooloolaba Beach. In the time since, her father built her a makeshift pool in their deer shed and she's been practicing while strapped in with a belt and bungee cord – she wants to be ready.

New Orleans

"We had a lovely time. Everything was normal, until it wasn't. With the gift of hindsight, we know that our parade this year spread COVID. I wish that we had been alerted that COVID was here."

■ Devin De Wulf, a New Orleans transplant and stay-at-home dad who founded the Mardi Gras Krewe of Red Beans in 2008. On Feb. 24 – Fat Monday, the day before Mardi Gras – De Wulf's krewe danced in the streets in their bean suits, children in tow, as a crowd of 15,000 cheered them on. It was a good day for the Krewe of Red Beans – the last one for a while. Within days after Mardi Gras celebrations ended, the virus was already beginning to sweep through.

Renton, Washington

"We went to the Seattle Aquarium, with lots of other people, and enjoyed that. That's something that she loves to do. We went out to dinner at one of our favorite Chinese restaurants and shared communally, family style. ... All of those things take on a different feel now. It feels like a different life."

■ Andrew Fouche, pastor of a small Baptist church just outside Seattle, one of the first areas hit by COVID-19. He was remembering the 10th-birthday celebration for his daughter, Sophia, shortly before everything shut down.

Jordan

"There were many things to do before the corona. But now, nothing."

■ Mariana Makramalla of Madaba, Jordan, who usually works in her family's mosaics workshop. Typically, Madaba attracts tourists who also visit nearby Mount Nebo, where the Bible says Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land. But Jordan closed its borders in mid-March, just before peak tourist season, as it tried to halt the the virus. During the closure, Makramalla, 24, and her 27-year-old brother Majed, visit the two-room workshop from time to time to tidy up. But she feels a bit aimless these days; she misses the structure of her time spent in the workshop.

Trump praise of 'tormented' Flynn raises pardon speculation

By ERIC TUCKER and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump voiced strong support Thursday for his former national security adviser Michael Flynn, raising speculation that a pardon may be coming after Flynn's lawyers disclosed internal FBI documents they claim show the FBI tried to "intentionally frame" him.

Trump said he believes Flynn should now be cleared in court, but if that doesn't happen, he as president has "a different type of power."

"It looks to me like Michael Flynn would be exonerated based on everything I see," Trump told reporters Thursday. "I'm not the judge, but I have a different type of power. But I don't know that anybody would have to use that power. I think he's exonerated."

Trump has long said he is considering pardoning Flynn, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his conversations with the Russian ambassador to the United States. The president spent Wednesday night and Thursday morning retweeting supportive statements of Flynn and condemned the FBI's investigation into his onetime adviser

"They came at him with 15 buses and he's standing in the middle of the highway. What they did to this man," Trump said at an earlier event at the White House, without specifying what he meant. "They tormented him. They destroyed him. But he's going to come back."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called into Fox News Channel to react to the release of the FBI documents, saying, "If true, it is extremely troubling."

Seeking virus data, people struggle with trust

By AAMER MADHANI and HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — When John Manley tested positive for COVID-19, his sister urged him to get on the malaria drug that she'd heard Fox News hosts plugging and that President Donald Trump was heralding as a potential "game changer" for fighting the coronavirus.

But Manley, 58, a civilian U.S. Army public affairs officer, was skeptical of using a drug not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treating the virus and decided it was a gamble not worth taking.

"It caused a huge rift in the family because the science wasn't behind it," said Manley, who lives in Stuttgart, Germany, and whose wife, Heidi Mathis, also tested positive for the virus after a visit to New York. Both have since recovered, and the FDA has advised people not to take the drug outside a hospital or clinical trial.

The Manley family squabble highlights an essential question that many Americans are grappling with as they seek out the information they need to stay safe during the country's worst public health crisis in a century: Whom do you trust?

Or, as Manley frames it: "What is being jammed down our throats in our news? Who is talking about these things? Where do you go to actually get something you can believe?"

Sixty-eight percent of Americans say they highly trust the information that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is providing about the virus, 66 percent trust their doctor or health care provider, and 52 percent said the same about their state or local government, according to a recent Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll.

But Americans are more skeptical of the coronavirus information they're getting from the media and from family and friends, with 32 percent saying they have a lot of trust in information provided by each. Only 23 percent of Americans said they have a great deal or quite a bit of trust in the information that Trump provides on the coronavirus, according to the poll.

In interviews, Americans said the process of consuming, digesting and discerning the credibility of the fire hose of virus information coming from politicians, public health experts and the media – not to mention what their family, friends and colleagues are sharing on social media – has become a time-consuming and frequently unsettling process.

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Principal Don Pearson, right, speaks with Luz Duarte on Wednesday at the school about how to prepare River of Life Christian School in Benton Harbor for the return of the students in the fall. Duarte is the school's kindergarten consultant and Title 1 teacher.

River of Life hanging in there

What it's like at a small private school nowadays

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Staff at River of Life Christian School in Benton Harbor are still working hard to provide the best education possible despite the school buildings being closed since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Principal Don Pearson said Wednesday.

"In fact, I think the teachers are working harder than before," he said.

And why is this?

"Because (remote learning) requires so much attention in terms of contacting students and parents and you're constantly planning," he said.

Pearson said the school made sure that all 30 of its students have electronic devices and internet so they can continue learning.

Luz Duarte, the school's kindergarten consultant and Title 1 teacher, said that soon after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that the school buildings were being closed as of March 16, she gave all of the students study packets for five weeks. And when those ran out, she said she gave them more.

Whitmer later announced that school buildings were to remain closed through the end of the school year. Public school districts were required to submit their remote learning plans to their intermediate secondary district by the end of April so they can receive their per student allowance from the state.

Pearson said private schools aren't required to submit their plans to anyone, but River of Life has a plan, anyway.

"It's our responsibility to continue making sure the students learn even in this crisis," he said.

Letters outlining the instructional plan were sent to parents and donors, he said.

"We're doing everything that she (Whitmer) said we should do in terms of a school," he said.

In addition to the packets, Duarte said the teachers are having weekly Zoom meetings with the students as a class, and one-on-one Zoom meetings with the students to check on their progress.

Pearson said his staff has done a terrific job of keeping in contact with the students and making sure everyone has what they need. He said he's even gone to the houses of students who need a little motivation to do their school work.

"I'll knock on the door and say, 'What's going on?' and that usually works," he said, adding that it's done in a way to make sure they aren't possibly spreading the virus.

Pearson said the donors who fund about 80 percent of the school's budget have been wonderful.

"They've been very committed," he said. "Some are even donating more because they know we have more needs during this crisis."

And he said that the parents, who pay 5 percent of the family's income to send their children to the school, have also faithfully paid their tuition.

"We've developed a close-knit relationship with their families, so we're like a family here," he said. "Families don't have a problem telling each other what their problems are so they can get assistance. They know we will help them."

Besides making sure the students keep on track this school year, Pearson said they are preparing for reopening the building in the fall. He said the janitor along with volunteers are next week starting to sanitize the entire building. If Whitmer allows it, he said they hope to open for a couple of weeks before school starts to make sure the students are ready for the fall.

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BERRIEN COUNTY

Health Dept. launches new tracking resource for COVID-19

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A new online Berrien County COVID-19 Data Dashboard was launched Thursday morning by the Berrien County Health Department, Health Officer Nicki Britten told Berrien County Commissioners during their Zoom meeting.

The dashboard includes how many people have the virus, recovered from it and died from it, along with how many people are currently hospitalized with the virus. By clicking on tabs, viewers can see information about the numbers broken down by race, gender and age. It includes graphs and an interactive map of where the cases are by zip code.

The dashboard can be found at www.bchdmi.org/COVID19. Britten said the dashboard will be updated daily with new information.

Britten and Dan Fette, director of the county's Community Development department, also talked to commissioners about the uncertainty surrounding what life will look like after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order is lifted. It is set to expire on May 15.

Everything won't open at once, Britten said.

"I've really been thinking about reopening as a series of dials that get tweaked," she said.

She said having a plan in place as businesses reopen is vital so that hospitals aren't overwhelmed with new COVID-19 cases.

"That contact tracing and case investigation continues to be a really important strategy as things start to open up," she said. "As there is more mixing of people, people will have more contact with one another. Businesses are planning to have safeguards in place to try to minimize the risk of those contacts."

Currently, she said the county is seeing a flat trend in terms of COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths. She said the county didn't see a spike in cases because social distancing and other measures took place early. Britten said Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph is prepared, should the numbers spike.

"Spectrum Health Lakeland does have really great surge capacity," she said. "... They almost have double ICU rooms because the new pavilion was able to open in early April and that had a whole new set of ICU (rooms) and the other ICU is still intact in use. For a community our size, we actually have a lot of ICU rooms."

Regional strategy

Britten said the governor is considering using a regional approach when reopening the state's economy, but she doesn't know if that will happen.

"I do think that a regional approach would make some sense," she said. "... Everyone's experience is going to look a little different in different quarters of the state."

If a regional approach is used, she said she doesn't know if the state would dictate what each region is allowed to do, or if local governments would be given the task to determine what reopening looks like.

Board Chairman Mac Elliott said a regional approach is needed. He said the current statewide plan is modeled for high density areas, "which only applies to about eight of the 83 counties of the state."

"I'm hopeful that reason will prevail and that we'll be given some flexibility so that we can tailor our reopening to our circumstances," he said.

Elliott believes the county is ready to get up and running in a way that is safe.

Fette said it's important to reopen the economy so the recession the stay-at-home order created can be lifted quickly. But he said it has to be done in a safe, gradual way.

He said the recovery should be quicker than the recovery from the Great Recession of 2008, because the current one is a supply-side recession due to businesses having to close to keep people safe.

"This is not anything like we experienced during the Great Recession, where there was a complete drop off in spending and demand," he said. "... In the current situation, what we've done is slammed on the brakes intentionally to more or less put us in a recession."

He said the demand for goods is still there, but won't be if the economy doesn't open soon.

Fette said that however the economy is opened up, he doesn't expect to see the government taking punitive actions against businesses that don't comply.

"The hope is that they will all be encouraged to do so out of concern for their own customers and workers," he said.

Right now, Fette said he is working with business leaders to supplement any plan that is handed down by the governor's office.

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IN BRIEF

The Whitcomb outlines safety efforts

ST. JOSEPH — Despite The Whitcomb implementing safety measures in mid-February, a few of its residents and staff have tested positive for the virus, officials there said.

Tim Hayes, the senior-living facility's administrator, said Thursday that the positive individuals are being cared for outside of the facility.

The small cluster of cases was confirmed Wednesday by the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), and reported in The HP on Thursday.

Hayes said The Whitcomb implemented precautionary measures as soon as the pandemic started. Those measures, which continue now, include staff and residents using masks and personal protective equipment (PPE), proper hand washing/sanitizing, and consistently monitoring for any signs and symptoms of the virus.

He said residents have also been asked to stay in their rooms since the outset of the pandemic, and visitors have not been allowed.

"We will continue to take every precaution to keep residents and our staff safe during these challenging times and are responding as directed by the BCHD in order to prevent further transmission," Hayes said.

Blood drives

Versiti Blood Center

7 a.m.-noon Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 8, Ascension-Borgess Lee Hospital, oncology room, 420 W. High St., Dowagiac.

Lawsuit seeks widespread virus testing in prisons

DETROIT (AP) — Lawyers are seeking testing for all Michigan prisoners and staff as well as other steps to protect them from the highly contagious coronavirus.

A lawsuit, proposed as a class action, was filed Wednesday against the state Corrections Department. At least 41 prisoners have died of complications from COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus.

"When you put people in prison, you take away their ability to take care of themselves. If you take away that ability, you have to provide care for them," attorney Kevin Ernst said.

Michigan has roughly 38,000 prisoners but has tested only 3,100 so far, according to statistics posted online Wednesday night. Forty-five percent tested positive.

The hot spots are Lakeland prison in Branch County and Parnall prison in Jackson County where 23 men became ill and died.

Besides widespread testing, the lawsuit seeks free disinfectant supplies and soap, personal protection equipment, a 6-foot buffer between prisoners and other remedies.

Berrien County board puts millage renewals on August ballot

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County voters will decide in August if three countywide millages will be renewed.

The millages are for financial support of law enforcement and public safety (0.35 mills), the 911 emergency system (0.45 mills) and the senior centers (0.3 mills).

County commissioners Thursday approved putting the millage renewal requests on the Aug. 4 primary ballot. If passed, the three requests will extend how long the millages are collected for four years – from 2021 through 2024.

The millages are expected to raise in their first year almost $2.9 million for law enforcement and public safety, $3.7 million for the 911 emergency system, and almost $2.5 million for the senior centers.

In addition commissioners approved renewing the 0.1 millage for the county's parks for four years – from 2020 to 2023. That renewal does not have to be approved by voters. It is expected to raise $825,291 in its first year.

There was no discussion on the millage renewals, which were approved with several other items in the consent calendar.

State of emergency

Also approved was the extension of the state of emergency in Berrien County to May 31, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This mirrors the state plan.

The county state of emergency was set to expire Thursday.

Board Chairman Mac Elliott said the extension doesn't mean that the county's situation has gotten worse. Instead, he said that the situation is looking better.

"But we still need the extension of the statutory civil immunity that only comes while we have a declaration of emergency in place." he said. "That statute provides that no one can be sued for any action taken in furtherance of the declaration that this board makes for any property loss or personal injury that may have incidentally resulted from those official actions taken."

He said the protection also covers volunteers working under county supervision.

Elliott also said the declaration is further needed so the county can continue to receive help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"There's a long list of things that we are eligible for because we have that declaration," he said.

The state of emergency was originally declared on March 26, then extended on April 2.

Meeting canceled

Commissioners canceled the night meeting of May 7 and do not expect to meet at all on that day, unless it becomes necessary.

The board's next meeting is expected to be on May 14. Members are unsure if it will be conducted virtually or in person.

In addition, commissioners passed honorary resolutions for two county employees who died recently – Paul Granigan and Damon Nichols.

Granigan, 52, was a lifelong resident of Berrien County who died April 18. He was the business manager for the Berrien County Sheriff's Office since 2010.

Nichols, 45, was also a lifelong resident of the county who died April 22. He was a public safety dispatcher with the county's 911 center since 2010.

In other business, commissioners approved:

- buying software from Word Systems Inc. to update the 911 system, for $49,146;
- accepting a Heart of Cook grant of $1,500 to provide support for breastfeeding.

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BEETLE BAILEY

LOOKS LIKE IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BE A NERD
KILLER?! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO THE LIBRARY TO MEET SOME GIRLS!
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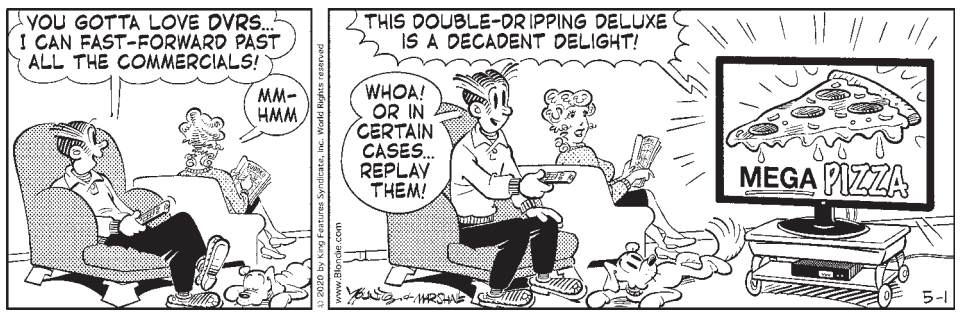
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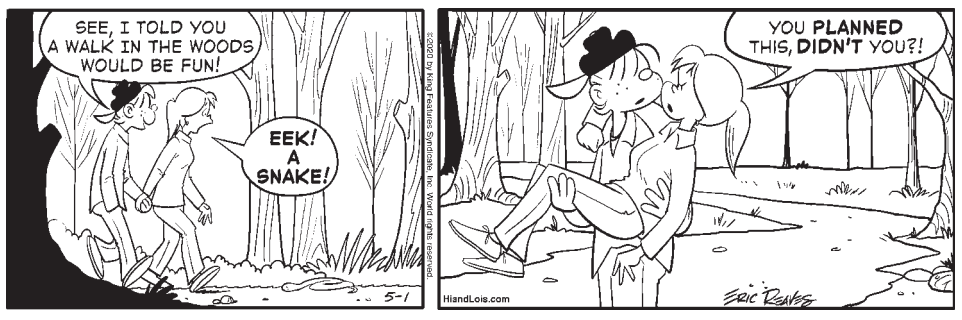

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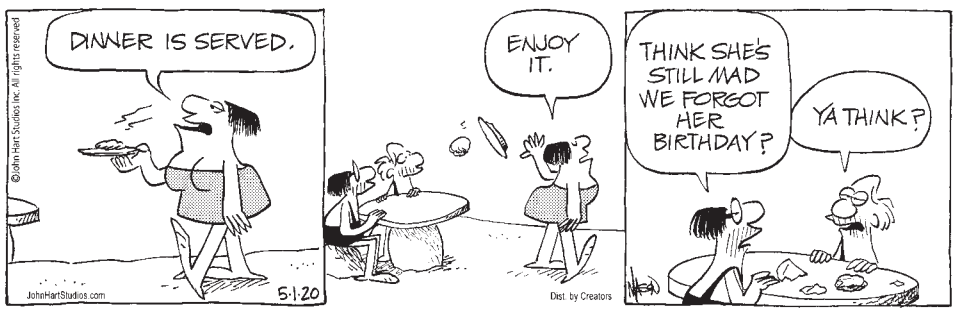

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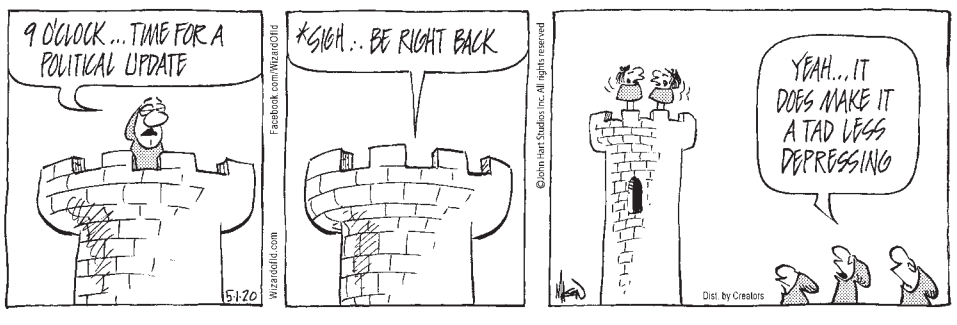
9 O'CLOCK... TIME FOR A POLITICAL UPDATE
*SIGH.. BE RIGHT BACK
YEAH... IT DOES MAKE IT A TAD LESS DEPRESSING
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DILBERT

CAN I BORROW YOUR STAPLER?
NOT WITH YOUR BARE HANDS. BUT I CAN WRAP IT IN PLASTIC AND LEAVE A HOLE FOR THE STAPLES TO COME OUT.
MAYBE YOU CAN JUST LEND ME A PAPER CLIP.
I'LL THROW IT TO YOU.
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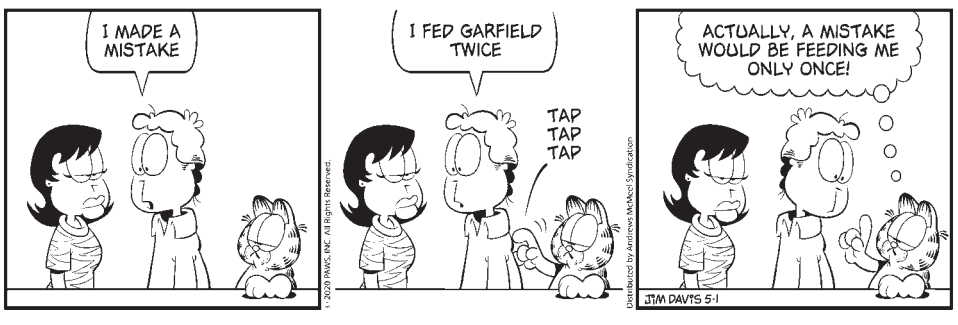
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I FED GARFIELD TWICE
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ACTUALLY, A MISTAKE WOULD BE FEEDING ME ONLY ONCE!
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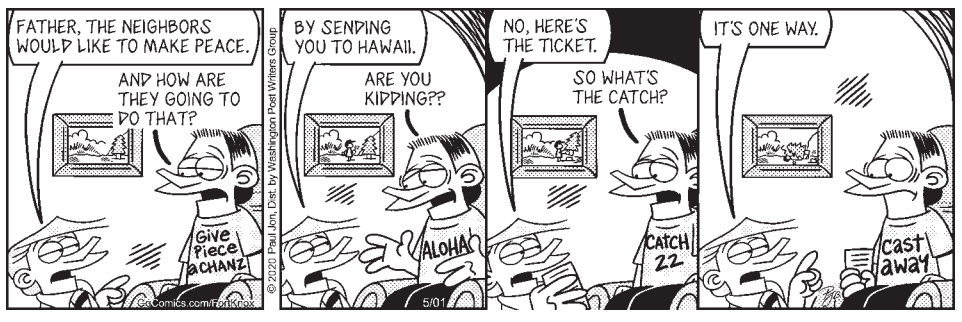
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AND HOW ARE THEY GOING TO DO THAT?
Give Piece a Chanz
BY SENDING YOU TO HAWAII.
ARE YOU KIDDING??
ALOHA
NO, HERE'S THE TICKET.
SO WHAT'S THE CATCH?
CATCH 22
IT'S ONE WAY.
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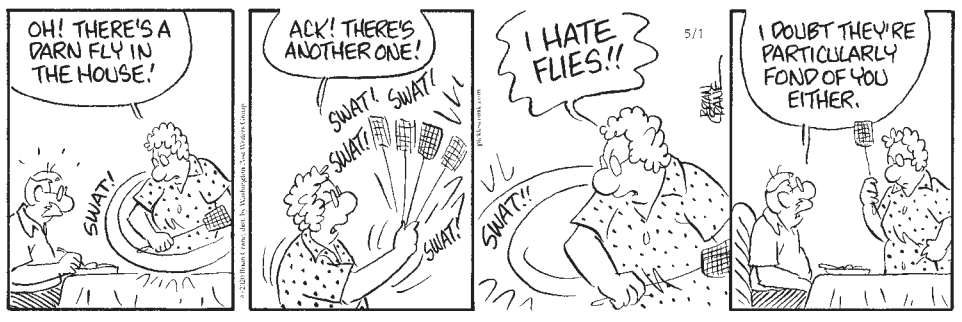
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SWAT!
ACK! THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
SWAT! SWAT! SWAT! SWAT!
I HATE FLIES!!
SWAT!!
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I DOUBT THEY'RE PARTICULARLY FOND OF YOU EITHER.
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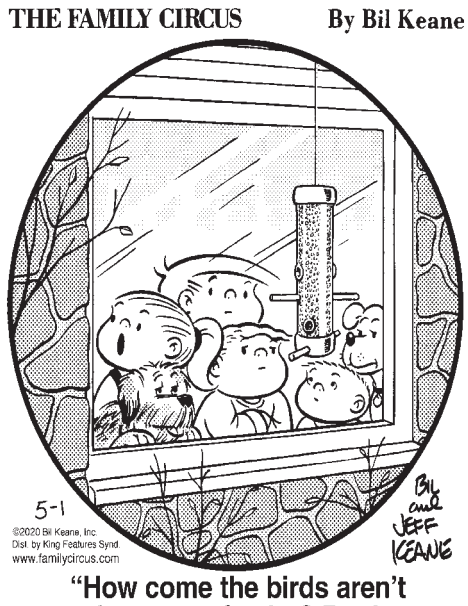


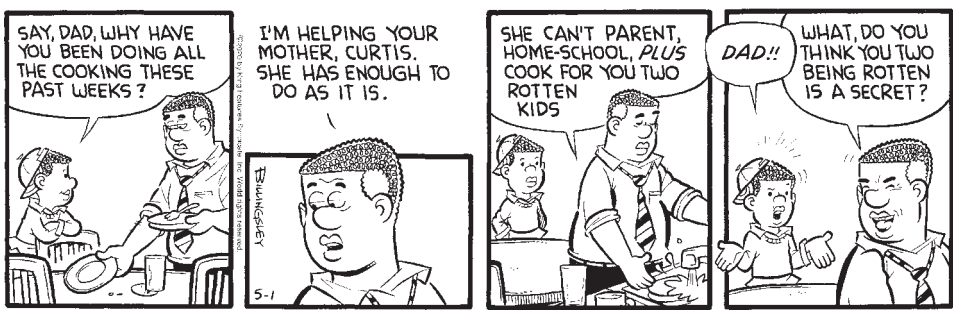
"How come the birds aren't eating at our feeder? Do they hafta stay home, too?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HE USUALLY WAKES UP WHEN HE'S DONE WATCHIN' TV."

BABY BLUES

CURTIS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I'M HELPING YOUR MOTHER, CURTIS. SHE HAS ENOUGH TO DO AS IT IS.
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SHE CAN'T PARENT, HOME-SCHOOL, PLUS COOK FOR YOU TWO ROTTEN KIDS
DAD!!
WHAT, DO YOU THINK YOU TWO BEING ROTTEN IS A SECRET?

ZITS

IT'S F-F-FREEZING OUT THERE!
I TOLD YOU TO WEAR YOUR SWEATSHIRT.
WHEN?
AN HOUR BEFORE YOU LEFT, THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE YOU LEFT, AND AS YOU WERE WALKING OUT THE DOOR.
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IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE THIS MY FAULT.
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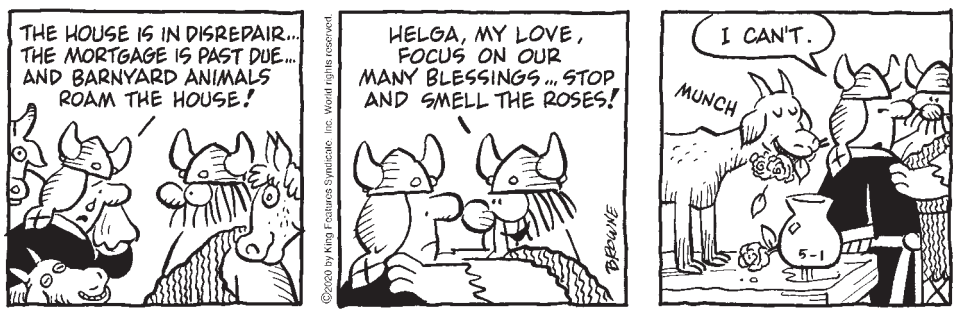
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


THE HOUSE IS IN DISREPAIR... THE MORTGAGE IS PAST DUE... AND BARNYARD ANIMALS ROAM THE HOUSE!
HELGA, MY LOVE, FOCUS ON OUR MANY BLESSINGS... STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES!
BROOME
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I CAN'T.
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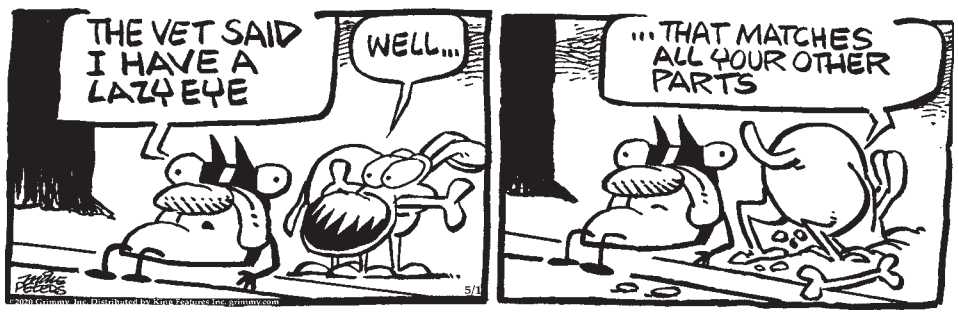
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM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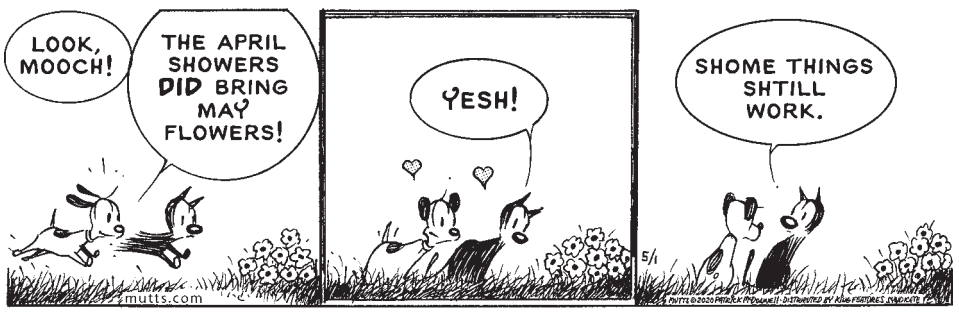

SALLY FORTH

MOM...I'M WORRIED ABOUT, WELL, EVERYTHING NOW. SOCIETY. THE ECONOMY. THE FUTURE. I'M STARTING TO FEEL HOPELESS. POWERLESS.
IT WILL ALL WORK OUT, SWEETIE.
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KEEFE
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I DON'T WANT EMPTY REASSURANCE, MOM. I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO ME. I NEED YOU TO REALIZE HOW SERIOUS THIS IS TO ME AND FOR ME TO KNOW I'M NOT ALONE WITH MY FEARS.
DON'T WORRY! YOUR DAD AND I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE TO PROTECT YOU.
MOM, STOP MAKING BLANKET STATEMENTS AND START HAVING AN ACTUAL CONVERSATION WITH ME! I NEED YOU TO...OKAY, I GUESS WE'RE DONE, BECAUSE YOU BROKE OUT THE COOKIES.
BUT YOU ALWAYS LIKED SAMOAS.

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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING MAY 1

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank (N) CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver (N) CC		Magnum P.I. "A World of Trouble" (N)		Blue Bloods "Family Secrets" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Blacklist "Brothers" (N) CC		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	COVID-19	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Somewhere South "How Do You 'Cue?"		American Masters CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Charmed Mel has a surprising encounter.		Dynasty "Robin Hood Rescues" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "Reform" CC (DVS)		CSI: Miami "Delko for the Defense"		CSI: Miami "Show Stopper" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Charmed Mel has a surprising encounter.		Dynasty "Robin Hood Rescues" (N)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Ty and Scott are missing.		Highway to Heaven "Summer Camp"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 05.01.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	★★★ Top Gun ('86) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot downs MiGs and loves an astrophysicist.					Friday Night In	★★ Cocktail
Animal	Tanked	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)				Tanked CC	
BET	Good Dds	★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman ('05) Kimberly Elise. CC					
Big Ten	To Be Announced					Big Ten	Campus
Bravo	:00 Shahs of Sunset	Shahs of Sunset (N) CC		Shahs of Sunset ((F)) (N)		Watch What	Chrisley Knows
Cartoon	Gumball	Final Sp.	Final Sp.	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	★★ Possession	★★ Don't Let Go ('19) David Oyelowo. (P). CC			:45 ★★ Red Tails ('12) Cuba Gooding Jr. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	CNBC	Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time	
Comedy	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kevin Hart: Laugh	
Discovery	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N) CC					
Disney	Descendants 2: Sing-Along ('17)			Descendants 3: Sing-Along ('19)			Sydney
DIY	Insane	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:45 ★★★ Easy A ('10) Emma Stone.				:45 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00)		
ESPN	NBA	To Be Announced					
ESPN2	WSOP	2019 WSOP		2019 WSOP		2019 WSOP	
ESPNC	:00 College Football			College Football From Nov. 23, 1996.			
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Wingspan	Red Wings Classics Game 5. (N)					Focused
Freefrm	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ The Intern ('15, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo. CC			
FX	Spider-Man	★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. CC				★ Maze Runner: The Death Cure ('18)	
Golf	:00 LPGA Tour Golf CC				PGA Tour Golf CC		
Hallmark	Convenient	★ Christmas Getaway ('17, Romance) Bridget Regan, Travis Van Winkle. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Godzilla: King	7:55 Westworld "Decoherence" Therapy.		8:54 Westworld "Passed Pawn"		Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens		:02 Ancient Aliens		:05 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)					
Lifetime	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	5:08 ★★★★ Titanic ('97) CC				Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	White	Chicago Bulls Classic					Sneaker
NFL	NFL Total	Path To the Draft		2020 NFL Scouting Combine CC			
Nick	Loud	Henry	All That	Dylan	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Lockup	Lockup: Tampa		Lockup: Tampa		Lockup: Cincinnati	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC		Snapped A young woman disappears.		Snapped "Anne Trovato" CC	
Parmt	6:30 ★★★ Creed ('15, Drama) CC				★★ The Karate Kid ('10)		
Showtime	Penny Dreadful	★★★ Hustlers ('19, Comedy-Drama) Constance Wu, Jennifer Lopez. CC				★★★ Rudy ('93) Sean Astin. CC	
Starz	6:05 Venom	★★★ Black Hawk Down ('01, War) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, Tom Sizemore. CC				:27 Outlander	
STZENC	6:58 ★★★ My Cousin Vinny ('92) Joe Pesci. CC			★★★★ Platoon ('86, War) Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe, Charlie Sheen. CC			
SyFy	:00 ★★ The Scorpion King ('02) The Rock. CC			★★ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island ('12) Dwayne Johnson. CC (DVS)			
TBS	:00 ★★ Suicide Squad ('16, Action) Will Smith, Jared Leto. CC (DVS)				★★ Justice League ('17, Action) Ben Affleck. CC (DVS)		
TCM	5:45 Baby Doll	★★★ Cocoon ('85, Fantasy) Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley. CC				:15 It Came From Outer Space	
TMC	Panic Room	★★ Barbershop ('02) Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson. CC			:45 ★★ Tyler Perry's the Family Preys ('08) CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ Jack Reacher ('12) Tom Cruise. CC (DVS)					Run All
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Profiles" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"		Chicago P.D. "Payback" CC (DVS)	
VH1	RuPaul	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC			RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC		
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Restless leg syndrome leads to more than interrupted sleep

DEAR DOCTOR: I wonder if you could help me with a problem that robs me of sleep, and which lately even persists during the day. I'm referring to restless leg syndrome. What causes it? Are there any new findings about getting relief?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: Restless leg syndrome, which is also known as Willis-Ekbom disease, is a condition in which someone has an uncontrollable need to continually move or flex the muscles in their legs. This is due to unusual and unpleasant sensations such as throbbing, crawling, pulling, tingling or itching, which only subside during movement.

Restless leg syndrome, or RLS, can happen to anyone and at any stage of life. Up to one-third of pregnant women report that they experience RLS symptoms, and the condition occurs in children as well. It's seen more often in women than in men, and it is most common among older adults. Although it can affect any part of the body, most people experience symptoms in the muscles of their calves or thighs.

RLS symptoms, which become more frequent in the late afternoon and evening, typically begin when someone is at rest. The sensations are so persistent they can't be ignored. Although flexing the muscles, standing or walking can bring relief, as soon as someone is at rest again, the symptoms return. Like you, the majority of people living with RLS also experience twitching and jerking movements that interfere with sleep. These can occur two or three times per minute throughout the night and often lead not only to sleep deprivation, but also to anxiety and depression.

Although the exact cause of RLS remains unknown at this time, research links it to a disruption in a region of the brain known as the basal ganglia, which is associated with movement. This part of the brain uses dopamine, a brain chemical crucial to smooth and sustained motion. There is also evidence that low levels of iron in the brain may play a role. Drug treatment focuses on opioids, medications to amplify dopamine, antiseizure drugs and certain sleep medications. Each of these comes with potential side effects, so it's important to discuss the pros and cons with your doctor.

Lifestyle changes such as a moderate exercise program, stretching, massage, warm baths, cutting back on alcohol and tobacco use, and the use of heat or ice packs can ease symptoms. Some people with RSL find relief with a foot wrap, approved by the FDA, which applies pressure to two muscles in the foot. Another device provides pressure and vibration along the backs of the legs. Both of these have been found to help ease RLS symptoms.

A small study by researchers at the Stanford Center for Sleep Sciences and Medicine recently found that people with RLS may have an imbalance in certain kinds of bacteria in their gut. This echoes the gut-brain connection currently being explored in Parkinson's disease, which also involves a loss of dopamine that affects movement. More research is needed, but this line of inquiry holds promise for new and more effective directions in treatment.

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Overwhelmed by hand-me-downs from the in-laws

DEAR CAROLYN: I am a working mother (full time-plus) with two kids. I have nearby in-laws trying to declutter their house. Lately they keep sending my husband home with various books, hand-me-down toys, puzzles, etc., for our kids. These items are piling up in the car, as he places them there without my knowledge. My husband continues to take these items despite the fact I have asked him to discontinue doing so. He doesn't want to upset his parents.

Carolyn Hax

A month ago our whole family was visiting the in-laws (at six feet distance) and I politely told my in-laws, "No, thank you" to the latest bag. While there again more recently (again at a distance), the first thing my in-laws did before even saying hello was try to give me some boxes of old Legos. I told them again, "We are also trying to declutter. Thanks for the thought though."

My husband was so angry at me and accused me of being thoughtless, cold and hurtful to his parents. He thinks I should have been gracious, taken it and thrown it out or donated it without my in-laws knowing anything of it.

My in-laws will often ask months later, after a birthday or holidays, "Did the kids play with gifts we got them?" Or they will directly ask our kids, "Are your reading the XYZ book we gave you? Why not? I think you would like it!" They see the kids often – usually weekly.

While my relationship with my in-laws is not particularly warm – or cold – it is respectful. They are extremely helpful and gracious to us and our kids.

However, I am mystified as to why I need to accept items our kids don't want or need. I am struggling to juggle my career, kids, husband, home organization/cleanliness, friends, exercise, etc. Why am I now the one having to do the dirty work of donating their items or throwing them out? How did I become the villain? – Cluttered

CLUTTERED: You've become the villain because your husband would rather have that job default to you than assume the responsibility himself.

Your direct no-thank-you to your in-laws was exactly the right way to handle his reliance on this default. When he chose not to do the dirty work himself, he left it to you to decide how it would be done. It's simple emotional math.

What's left for you to do now is to present your husband with a clearly articulated chain of responsibility from now on: 1. If he wants you to be "gracious" and accept the hand-me-downs, then he needs to assume the added labor that he's imposing on your family by asking this of you. So, he's the one who sorts and distributes everything your in-laws give you. He fields their questions.

2. If he neglects or refuses this extra labor, and the hand-me-downs just keep piling up in the car, then you will say no to his parents whenever they offer you things. He gets angry? OK. Maybe next time he'll do his job and sort through the stuff.

These are basic natural consequences: Your husband's choice is between doing the hard work upfront or postponing that work until later. Passing it off onto you without your consent is the option you strike from the list.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Provide capital
5 Aberdeen boy
8 — -ho
12 Where Tehran is
13 Before, to Blake
14 Popular cookie
15 Billion, in combos
16 Wanted poster abbr.
17 Immense
18 Kind of coffee
20 Resided
22 Boastful knight
23 Golf score
24 Grind, as teeth
27 Keels over
30 Before Sept.
31 Industrious insect
32 Tolstoy title word
34 Dik-dik cousin
35 Tie up the phone
37 Wabash loc.
38 Withdraw
40 Nips
42 Freud, to himself
43 Boxer, maybe
44 Flexible
46 Open, as a bottle
49 Fashion length
50 Get — of that junk!
52 Scurried along
54 Lap dog
55 Unit of energy
56 Ferber or Millay
57 Fellas
58 Where clouds are
59 Run 100 meters

DOWN
1 Enormous
2 Very dry
3 Zoo enclosure
4 Special skills
5 Springlike
6 Couples-only ship?
7 Poker face
8 Rule
9 River in Asia
10 Sparrow's dwelling
11 Caught on
19 Contented sigh
21 Hang on
24 Joke
25 Cloister dwellers
26 Flu symptom
27 Like some furs
28 Tease
29 Well-grounded
33 Hwys.
35 Gross!
36 Holds firmly
39 Chicago and Madrid
40 Vereen or Kingsley
41 Needed scratching
43 Chubby
44 Stead
45 Pitch-dark
47 Slave girl of opera
48 Permanent markers
49 Auto sticker info
51 Exasperate
53 Telegraph syllable

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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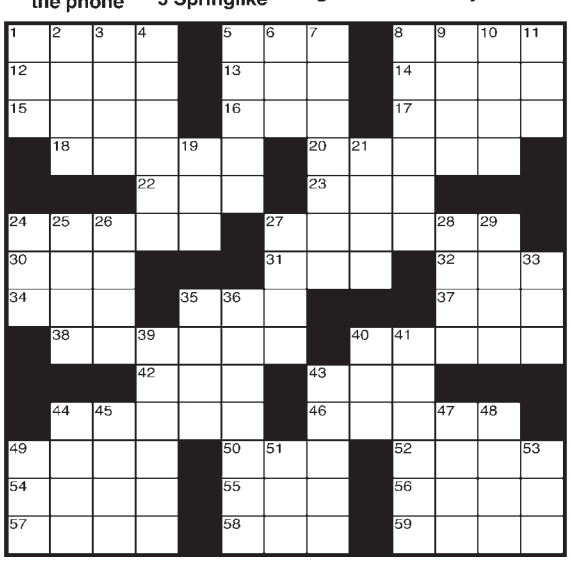

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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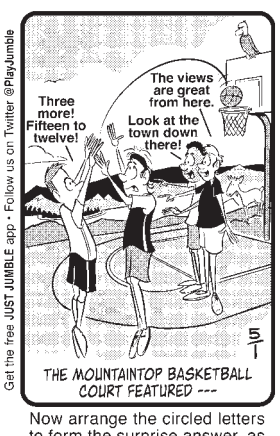
Three more! Fifteen to twelve!
The views are great from here.
Look at the town down there!
THE MOUNTAINTOP BASKETBALL COURT FEATURED ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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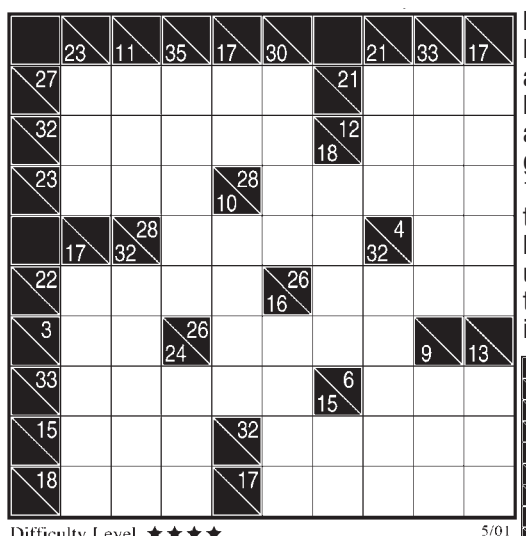
(Answers tomorrow)

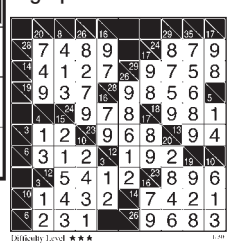
Yesterday's Jumbles: MIGHT IRONY SPLASH MADDER
Answer: When Richard Gere starred in the movie "Pretty Woman," he was — PAID HANDSOMELY

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/01

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Eric Temple Bell, who was a Scottish-American mathematician and science-fiction writer, said, "Euclid taught me that without assumptions there is no proof. Therefore, in any argument, examine the assumptions."

At the bridge table, you sometimes make an assumption about the location of a specific card. When you do, though, ask yourself if that assumption might also permit you to draw a conclusion about another card – what is known as a second-degree assumption.

How does that apply to this deal? South was in an ambitious four-spade contract. West led the heart ace, cashed the heart king and continued with a third heart. What assumptions should declarer have drawn, and how would they have affected his line of play?

The North hand had nine losers (two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs). That is the normal number for a single raise, but North had 10 points and four trumps. Then South, who had seven losers (two spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs), should have passed. But he succumbed to the lure of a vulnerable game bonus.

The original declarer played a spade to the king at trick four, so went down, losing two spades and two hearts. South should have assumed that West held the club king, giving him 10 known points. That made it slightly more likely that East had the spade ace. West, with that ace, might have entered the auction over one spade, or at least thought about it for a few moments.

If declarer had played a diamond to the queen and continued with a low spade from the board, the contract would have made.

North 05-01-20
♠ K 8 7 4
♥ 10 9 6
♦ Q J 4
♣ A 7 2

West
♠ J 10 9
♥ A K 4 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ K 8 5

East
♠ A
♥ J 8 5 2
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ 9 6 4 3

South
♠ Q 6 5 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ A K 2
♣ Q J 10

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

2					1		5	
			6	5				8
				3	7		1	
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	8	5		2		4	3	
	2			1			7	5
	7		3	4				
5				7	2			
	1		8					7

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	4	7	8	3	6	2	1	5
8	6	5	4	1	2	7	9	3
3	2	1	9	5	7	8	6	4
2	1	6	7	4	8	5	3	9
5	7	9	1	2	3	4	8	6
4	3	8	5	6	9	1	7	2
7	9	3	2	8	4	6	5	1
1	8	2	6	9	5	3	4	7
6	5	4	3	7	1	9	2	8

This time, Pence wears mask as he tours Indiana plant

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This time, he wore a mask.

Vice President Mike Pence donned a face covering Thursday as he toured a General Motors/Ventec ventilator production facility in Indiana after coming under fire for failing to wear one earlier this week in violation of Mayo Clinic policy.

The facility in Kokomo had been closed because of the coronavirus but was brought back online in mid-April to produce critical care ventilators for hospitals around the country. General Motors requires workers to wear masks in the plant's production area, according to spokesman Jim Cain.

Pence removed the mask, however, for a roundtable with top officials, including General Motors CEO Mary Barra and Ventec CEO Chris Kiple. None of the participants wore face coverings.

Michael Conroy / AP

Vice President Mike Pence speaks during a visit to the General Motors / Ventec ventilator production facility with Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb in Kokomo, Ind., on Thursday.

Pence's visit to the factory came hours after his wife, Karen Pence, defended her husband's decision to not wear a mask during a Tuesday visit to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Mrs. Pence told Fox News Channel that he had been unaware of the hospital's coronavirus policy during the visit and that the vice president has been following the advice of medical experts. Pence, like other senior White House staff, is tested for the virus at least once a week.

"As our medical experts have told us, wearing a mask prevents you from spreading the disease. And knowing that he doesn't have COVID-19, he didn't wear one," Mrs. Pence said, adding that it "was actually after he left Mayo Clinic that he found out that they had a policy of asking everyone to wear a mask."

"So, you know, someone who's worked on this whole task force for over two months is not someone who would have done anything to offend anyone or hurt anyone or scare anyone," she said.

The Mayo Clinic had earlier tweeted – then deleted – that it had informed the vice president of its "masking policy prior to his arrival."

"Mayo shared the masking policy with the VP's office," the health care system later said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that Americans wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as in supermarkets, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly expressed discomfort about mask-wearing, saying he did not intend to wear one when the CDC's recommendations were unveiled. But he said Thursday that he would be open to wearing one when he travels to Arizona next week.

"I'm going to have to look at the climate," he said, telling reporters, "I'd have no problem wearing a mask."

Still he queried reporters about whether it would be appropriate to wear one while delivering a speech.

"Should I speak in the mask?" he asked. "You're going to have to tell me if that's politically correct. I don't know. If it is, I'll speak in a mask." Trump's has openly flouted political norms and taken pride in his political incorrectness.

Footage of Pence's tour of the Mayo Clinic earlier this week showed him bare-faced as he met with an employee who had recovered from the virus, even though everyone else in the room appeared to be wearing one. He also participated in a roundtable discussion in which every participant, from Food and Drug Administration chief Stephen Hahn to the state's governor, wore a mask except for him.

Pence explained his decision that day by stressing that he has been frequently tested for the virus.

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A Jeep pushes its way through a flooded section of North Whittaker Street in New Buffalo around noon on Thursday.

Rising waters leave this riverfront New Buffalo sculpture an island in the stream Thursday.

Here is the flooded parking lot at the Harbor Pointe Condominiums in New Buffalo on Thursday.

FLOODING

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have installed.

He said the seawall did a good job, given the circumstances.

"This was the first storm that we experienced with the wall and we found that some of the interlocking spaces allowed water to flow through between the blocks," Richards said. "Water was high, but not higher than the blocks, though. It was probably 8 inches to a foot below the wall. But the water came in off of the river much higher toward the beach than it has in the past."

The water flowed passed the walkway in the beach parking lot into Whittaker Street and into the area east of the seawall.

Richards said city workers pumped water away from the area and got it back to the other side of the seawall. He said the plan is to next address the stormwater sewer drain to prevent the river having such an impact of future floods.

New Buffalo residents also witnessed flooding near a section of Berrien and North streets, by the Marina Grand Resort.

"We're working to find a solution," Richards said. "I've spoken with longtime residents who expressed this is the worse flooding they've ever seen. I just want people to know that we're working on the flooding on Whittaker Street. We have engineers looking at it today."

According to the National Weather Service's Northern Indiana office, northwest winds were hitting the lakeshore regularly from 20-35 mph. However, some of the gusts broached 45 mph on Thursday.

This resulted in 8- to 14-foot waves.

Chris Morris, forecaster with the National Weather Service, said the last time the region saw gusts this high was on April 13, when wind speeds topped out at 43 mph.

The reason there was no flooding at that time was because of the direction the wind was blowing in.

"With this event, the region had a fair amount of easterly winds that saw a little bit of water transfer from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. It's an accumulation of multiple factors for us to see this hazardous flooding," Morris said. "(On April 13) the winds were coming from a different direction. Unlike today, which were more onshore winds, they were more offshore and not exactly perpendicular to the lakeshore. That does have significant impacts on wave height and lake levels."

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WHIRLPOOL

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Mexico due to weak industry demand hurt sales in the company's Latin America region.

To counter raw-material inflation and other cost headwinds, Whirlpool introduced global cost-based pricing for trade customers along with initiatives to cut fixed overhead expenses.

Cash used in operating activities and free cash flow improvement of about $100 million was driven by working capital management by the company.

Whirlpool declared a quarterly dividend of $1.20 per share on April 21, unchanged from the prior quarter, which translated to a 4.9 percent dividend yield.

Whirlpool's shares began at $118.16 on the New York Stock Exchange, but closed Thursday with a slight decrease, to $112.76.

Outlook for 2020

While the full impact of COVID-19 on business results remains uncertain, Whirlpool officials project that net sales for 2020 will decline 13 to 18 percent.

The company is targeting more than $500 million in net cost takeout, including raw materials savings, in 2020.

To do this, Whirlpool plans to adjust its supply chain and labor levels to match demand its environment, reduce structural and discretionary costs, capture raw material deflation and attempt to manage its working capital.

Jim Peters, chief financial officer of Whirlpool, said the company remains committed to delivering long-term shareholder value – a point made after declaring a quarterly dividend.

"Our first quarter results demonstrate the agility and resiliency of our global operations, highlighted by a solid performance in North America and Latin America and strong cash flow improvement," Peters said in the release. "During the quarter, we continued to build on our multi-year efforts to strengthen our balance sheet and ensure the long-term health of the business. We took aggressive actions to protect cash and build liquidity to solidify our ability to manage through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic."

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VIGILANT

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in the two counties: Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital in Dowagiac, Bronson LakeView Hospital in Paw Paw, InterCare Community Health Network in Bangor and Bronson South Haven Hospital.

"The beauty of having a large hospital network surrounding our two counties is that even though we don't have large hospitals, we have their networks," Wile said. "People who need critical healthcare have access and we're well-covered."

Persky said the other benefit of being connected to these large hospital systems is that they're already experiencing higher volumes of cases in areas like Kalamazoo.

"So the hospitals in our two counties are aware and prepared and at this point, and have most of what they need if and when things start moving our way," she said.

Wile said there haven't really been any clusters of cases in the two counties, with the spread a little bit more sporadic, but that population centers definitely have more cases.

"Everyone is at risk, all ages," he said. "We're taking extra precautions with everybody."

One of those precautions is contact tracing, which has been happening since the very first case appeared in Van Buren County on March 24.

Elliot said public health nurses have contacted hundreds of residents who may have been in contact with one of the positive COVID-19 cases to educate them about self-isolation, social distancing and hygiene practices.

"They are working weekends and evenings. Every time we get a positive, we call the contacts of each one of those cases," he said. "Hopefully they haven't been in contact with numerous individuals, but the nurses have a dialogue with their families, any worksite they've been at, and even the grocery store."

Elliot said it's wonderful and almost easier working across two counties on this.

"We have the resources of two county governments, multiple townships and municipalities," he said. "We also work with our surrounding counties."

Wile said they are constantly on the phone with, or emailing, leaders from the whole region.

"We don't feel like we're isolated at all," he said. "Our residents are getting as much care and opportunity."

Wile and Elliot say they don't have great insight or data on when the two counties may experience a peak in confirmed cases.

"We don't have data from it from last year," Wile said. "Four months ago we didn't even know this virus existed. We don't have that information. I wish we did, that would be very helpful, but we are just doing everything we can to help mitigate and slow down the spread of this virus."

Persky said the VBCDHD encourages anyone with questions to reach out by calling 269-621-3143, or by visiting www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

"As a local public health department, we're proud to work for our residents," she said. "It's our job to help mitigate the risk, take care of, and plan for the continued spread of COVID-19."

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Andrews University sets weekend of virtual commencement events

By HP STAFF

BERRIEN SPRINGS — In response to COVID-19 related restrictions on large group gatherings, Andrews University has postponed its traditional spring graduation services. However, university Virtual Commencement and Celebration of Graduates services will take place this weekend, starting this evening, according to a news release.

The events begin tonight at 7 p.m. with the Cultural Graduation Stoles Celebration, which will be livestreamed at andrews.edu/livestream.

At 9 p.m. tonight the New Life Fellowship will host a special service for graduates. Jannel Monroe, administrative pastor of New Life Fellowship, will be the featured speaker. This service will be live on the New Life Facebook page: facebook.com/NewLifeAU.

Celebrations will continue on Saturday morning at 11:45 a.m. with the baccalaureate service at Pioneer Memorial Church, broadcast from andrews.edu/livestream, the PMC Facebook page (facebook.com/pioneermemorialchurch), and pmchurch.org. Dwight Nelson, lead pastor of PMC, will deliver the address.

One Place Fellowship will include a special recognition for graduates. One Place's virtual service, with speaker Matt Durante, administrative pastor for One Place Fellowship, will be livestreamed from their Facebook page at 11:45 a.m.: facebook.com/oneplacefellowship.

On Saturday afternoon, various colleges, schools and departments have arranged their own celebratory services. Consult the online schedule for a complete listing at andrews.edu/graduation/schedule.

The weekend's events will conclude with Virtual Commencement services on Sunday.

Each service will include a greeting and invocation from the dean of the college/seminary, and President Andrea Luxton will share her remarks. Following will be a musical selection provided by a virtual choir and orchestra from the Department of Music, a slideshow of graduates, an alumni welcome, a dedicatory prayer and a benediction.

The first Virtual Commencement Service will occur at 10 a.m. Sunday, for graduates of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The other services will follow at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, for graduates of the College of Education & International Services, College of Health & Human Services, College of Professions and College of Arts & Sciences. Each of these virtual services will be streamed at andrews.edu/livestream.

The graduation website will continue to be updated with service information as it becomes available. Please check andrews.edu/graduation/schedule periodically for updates.

TESTING

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individuals over age 65 with symptoms; and patients with underlying health conditions with symptoms.

The following people would not be tested: individuals without symptoms who are not reporting to work in-person; asymptomatic family members of health care workers with exposure to the virus, and family members of a COVID-19 individual without symptoms.

With InterCare opening a drive-through COVID-19 testing site in Van Buren County, Van Buren/Cass District Health Department officials anticipate the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases will rise.

"As we have seen across the state, when testing increases so do the number of positive cases. With this in mind, we anticipate the same," said Danielle Persky, director of health promotion for the health department. "However, until we understand what volume is coming through the InterCare drive-through testing site in Bangor, it's hard to say for certain."

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Decide what's worth your while and what isn't. Focus on what will bring the highest returns and the partnerships that mean the most to you. Tie up loose ends and clear your mind of the nonsense in your life that is holding you back. Progress requires clarity, precision and patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Play to win. Refuse to give in to pressure or others' demands. If you approach situations pragmatically, you will come out on top. A physical challenge will help you blow off steam.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take a serious look at your current situation and determine what will make you happy. Don't be fooled by someone who paints a rosy picture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make decisions based on the changes going on around you. Don't miss out because you are afraid to make a move. Do your homework and push forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep an open mind, but don't buy into someone else's risky venture. Look for an outlet that will help you release stress and feel healthy and fit. Engage in romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make changes that count. Do your research and find the most efficient way to incorporate what you want into your life. A change of pace will lead to new beginnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be reluctant to offer help to someone who takes you for granted. Spend time on personal growth, doing things with loved ones and pampering yourself. Make romance a priority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let anyone take charge when you should be calling the shots. A diverse approach may cause controversy, but it will also help you stand out as a leader.

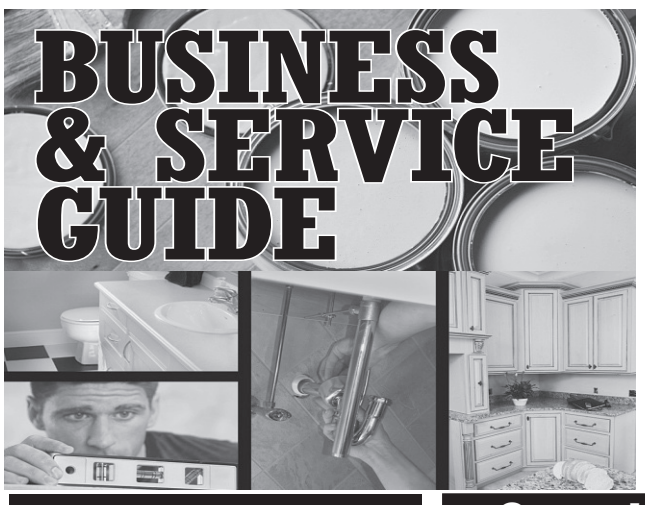
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Truth matters. Don't get involved in gossip or situations that can cause problems with a loved one. Spend more time on fitness, health and looking your best. Make a romantic gesture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll reach your goal if you are open to change. A partnership will pay off emotionally and financially. Get to know the people around you a little better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be reluctant to make a change too quickly. Put greater emphasis on home, family and your physical well-being. Discuss your intentions with a loved one. A romantic gesture will enhance your love life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Collaborate with someone who has something to contribute. Rely on your experience and wisdom to help negotiate a life change. Reach out to someone you lost touch with some time ago.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take a leadership position. Be the one to stand up for the rights of others and for yourself. Personal gain is apparent, and peace and love are favored.



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The class war against frontline workers

E.J. Dionne

We talk incessantly about our appreciation for frontline workers in retail, delivery, food-processing and other sectors who allow the rest of us to live our socially distanced lives. Then we slap them in the face.

Item One: President Trump, who has largely declined to use his power under the Defense Production Act for needed medical and protective equipment, used that same power on Tuesday night to force meat processors to remain open.

Never mind that food-processing and meatpacking plants are hot spots for COVID-19 – at least 79 have reported outbreaks. Never mind that at least 20 workers in the industry have died from the disease or that the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) reports that at least 6,500 workers in the industry have been diagnosed or exposed.

And never mind that shutting down plants is often the only way local officials can force safety improvements to protect the larger community from the disease's spread.

Item Two: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who offered the economically illiterate suggestion that letting states go bankrupt might be better than Washington giving them needed assistance, now wants to hold that help hostage. In return for aid, he wants Congress to place federal limits on lawsuits against businesses that reopen during the pandemic. During a national calamity, the McConnell Republicans choose to put a check mark on their corporate wish list by disempowering citizens confronting private sector power.

OK, a lot of people think Americans are too fond of suing each other. They might argue strong unions and thoughtful, well-enforced regulation can protect workers' rights better than lawsuits.

Fine, except that corporate interests, with the enthusiastic support of the GOP, have crushed unions. Now, McConnell wants to keep workers out of the courtroom. Notice a pattern? First, throttle worker power on one end. Then shut it down on the other. And to imagine that this administration will issue strong pro-worker regulations is like believing that Lysol really is a miracle cure for the virus.

Items One and Two are linked. One of the few meatpacking facilities in the country where workers won some concessions on safety is a Smithfield plant in Milan, Missouri. Why? Because they went to court. In response to a lawsuit filed by an anonymous employee of the plant and the Rural Community Workers Alliance, Federal District Judge Greg Kays ordered the plant to follow federal safety recommendations while the case continued. Sorry, Mitch. Sometimes it takes a lawsuit to make things better.

The problem workers face, said Debbie Berkowitz, director of worker safety and health at the National Employment Law Project, is that while the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has provided "guidance," it has so far "declined to issue any requirements" for coronavirus safety at the plants. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also issued "guidance." But Berkowitz noted that it's "very vague" and "keeps getting vaguer."

"Trump has created a false choice between worker safety and feeding America," Berkowitz, who has spent decades working on safety issues in meat processing, said in an interview. "We can do both. Other parts of the economy are doing both."

And it's not just meatpacking employees who find themselves at risk. An important report in The Washington Post by Rachel Chason, Ovetta Wiggins and John Harden noted exceptionally high rates of coronavirus infections in Maryland's Prince George's county. One of the country's wealthiest majority-black counties, it lies just outside of Washington, D.C. One key reason for the high infection rate: "many residents are frontline workers exposed daily to the virus."

Alan Hanson, mobilization director at UFCW Local 400, noted that many of his members face not only direct problems at work, but also day-to-day challenges that confront all lower-income Americans. For example, those in the D.C.-area often rely on public transit at a moment of reduced service. More crowded buses and trains defeat efforts at distancing.

And within the food industry itself, many facilities could be kept open safely if employers were willing to make concessions to the pandemic's threat. "Poultry plants are dangerous places to work," he told me, "but they can be made safer by slowing line speeds to allow for better social distancing."

"We can choose to honor the sacrifice of essential workers by ensuring they have a living wage, paid sick leave and a safe workplace," Hanson said, "or we can choose to give corporations who endanger their workers' lives blanket immunity. Mitch McConnell has unapologetically chosen the latter."

When social solidarity is essential, it's common to hear pious sermons against class warfare. Unfortunately, there is a class war. And its victims, so many of them frontline workers, didn't start it.

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The Biden double standard

Ben Shapiro

This week, new evidence emerged in the sexual assault allegation by former Joe Biden staffer Tara Reade against the presumptive 2020 Democratic presidential nominee. According to Business Insider, four people have stated that Reade told them contemporaneously about her accusation that Biden forcibly penetrated her with his fingers in 1993. Meanwhile, the Media Research Center uncovered a clip, purportedly of Reade's mother, calling into "Larry King Live" back in 1993 to obliquely refer to the allegation. While such evidence does not speak to the actual event at issue, it does demonstrate that Reade has been talking about the alleged incident since it occurred.

The media ignored the original allegation for weeks. Now, even while reporting on the new developments, they've found ways to downplay their importance. Thus, The Washington Post – democracy dies in darkness! – wrote an article headlined "Trump allies highlight new claims regarding allegations against Biden." Normally, headlines are designed to convey information about the underlying story. This headline was apparently written in English, translated to Swahili and then to Punjabi via Google Translate and then back to English before printing.

Other news outlets skipped the revelations altogether. The New York Times, which ran a comprehensive piece two weeks ago attempting to debunk Reade's case, completely ignored the new information. NBC News didn't bother covering the information either. Meanwhile, NBC News and MSNBC Chairman Andy Lack printed a piece on the network website celebrating its journalistic performance. "Humbled by the responsibility we bear, we try our damnedest to serve our audience," he said. It's a wonder Lack didn't dislocate both arms trying desperately to pat himself on the back.

As of this writing, Biden has not been asked a single direct question about Reade by a television reporter. Meanwhile, members of the media cheer their audacity in asking President Donald Trump questions like, "If an American president loses more Americans over the course of six weeks than died in the entirety of the Vietnam War, does he deserve to be reelected?" So. Much. Journalisming.

Why does any of this matter? Not because Biden should be convicted in the court of public opinion without evidence. He shouldn't. The standards of due process should apply evenly, regardless of partisanship. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh should not have been subjected to thousands of hit pieces, magazine covers and twisted accusations that his anger at rape accusations he disputed was mere evidence of his privilege. Christine Blasey Ford should not have been celebrated nationwide as a symbol of truth telling without any corroborative evidence. #BelieveAllWomen was always an idiotic slogan. Only now are members of the media admitting it.

That's why this matters. Biden's candidacy will survive Tara Reade: Democrats aren't dumping Biden overboard based on a 27-year-old accusation of questionable veracity, and they certainly won't do so when running against Trump, who has his own checkered history. But the media's pathetically hypocritical standard on due process and sexual assault allegations won't survive. Neither will their credibility. President Trump spends an inordinate amount of time bashing the media for their lack of seriousness. The same media who laureled Democrats for cashiering Kavanaugh and now spend their days studiously avoiding any talk about Tara Reade deserve every ounce of skepticism the American people can muster.

There's a serio-comic tenor to this whole situation. We're living in a time when we must trust the media more than ever – to bring us unbiased, factual information about a global pandemic, to warn us of dangers and to be reasonable about risk assessment. Yet the media have spent so many years burning through their credibility that they have little left. That's their own fault. If they wish to restore their credibility, they could start by apologizing for their Kavanaugh coverage – and by providing some fact-checking about their own political motivations.

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LETTERS

Mail-in ballots are handled fairly

Editor,

This is in regard to the letter in your April 24 edition about fraudulent mail-in ballots. The writer implied that all poll workers are dishonest. For the last 12 years I have worked as an election clerk in my township. At times I was assigned to the team that worked on the mail-in ballots. We followed meticulous procedures set by the county clerk, and there were always clerks of both parties on this team.

During the coming elections, we need to protect the health of our workers and our voters, and mail-in ballots are the answer. I would urge any voter that believes mail in ballots are a cause for fraud to volunteer as an election clerk in your place of voting. In our township, we are paid both for training and working on Election Day, plus you are doing your civic duty. This would certainly clear up any misunderstandings about mail-in ballots.

Jean E. Rowe
Dowagiac

A pleasant drive down Memory Lane

Editor,

As I was driving down Napier Avenue in Fairplain this morning, I had a flashback to my youth, growing up in the mid-'50s. I guess it was the traffic flow that reminded me of those long-ago days.

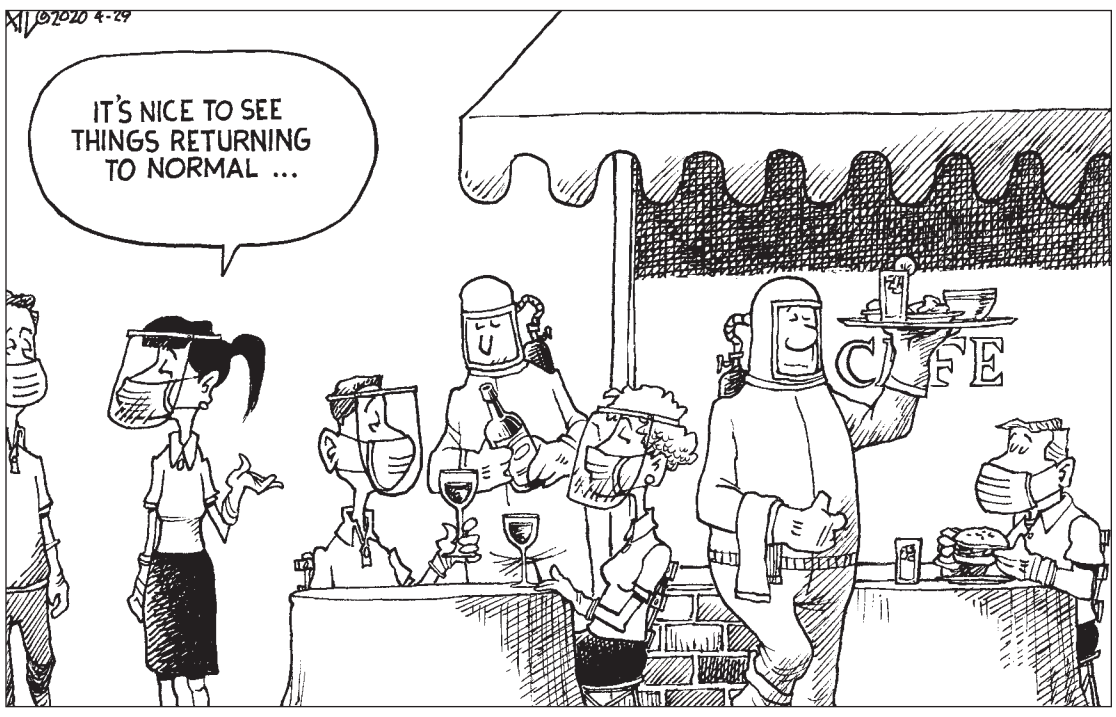
At that time, the only business at the corner of M-139 and Napier was Louie's Tavern. I think the traffic light may have even been a flashing light.

I remembered a nice briar patch, about where Signature Toyota sits, that was always good for a rabbit or two with our bows and arrows. Of course, we couldn't hit them on the run, but we were good at sneaking up on them.

Remember, this was a time when most families only had one car. Yes, I said car. In those days SUVs and pickup trucks were not around, unlike today, where most families have a vehicle for all occasions.

Anyway, I guess the lack of traffic was the reason for the flashback to my youth. They were good days!

Bob Brandt
Benton Harbor



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A Confession, By Donald Trump

Steve Chapman

It isn't easy being Donald Trump, and I can say that with confidence – because I'm Donald Trump. And no, I'm not being sarcastic about how hard it is. But here's the problem: When I am being sarcastic, nobody can tell.

Stephen Colbert got rich and famous pretending to be a right-wing blowhard with an idiotic opinion on every topic. Comedy Central viewers had no trouble understanding that every sentence out of his mouth meant the opposite of its literal meaning. And they laughed till their ribs ached.

Where do you think Colbert came up with that idea? He stole it from me. I practically invented parody. I've spent years saying ridiculous things with a straight face. But everyone took me seriously, no matter what I did.

Remember when I was in the private sector? I would sit down with some big bankers and tell them, completely deadpan: "I've gone bankrupt several times. So it would be really, really smart to lend me a hundred million dollars."

I mean, sarcasm can't get any more obvious than that, right? I was always hoping to get a big laugh. But it never worked.

What always happened was that the bankers would look at me with serious expressions, confer briefly and say: "We'd love to. But maybe you'd like $200 million?" And they wouldn't let me leave until they had cut me a check!

When I ran out of money while running a moneymaking machine, also known as a casino, I thought everyone would grasp the comic brilliance of my act. But no. I kept doing my impersonation of a deluded, incompetent tycoon, and people with large sums of money kept taking me for a business genius.

Being a dedicated comedian, I decided to take my act to the next level: I would run for president as a total goof, making preposterous statements, doing clownish things and giving satire-starved Americans something to laugh about. I mean, it worked for Julia Louis-Dreyfus in "Veep," didn't it? She won six Emmys as a vain, bumbling, power-hungry politician who is completely lacking in self-awareness.

Sound like anyone you know? You bet it does. But did I win an Emmy? No, I got the presidency! Which I didn't even want!

I thought I had made my game blindingly obvious during the campaign. I said Ted Cruz's dad was in on the JFK assassination. I said the unemployment rate was 42 percent. I said I would win the Hispanic vote. C'mon! Who could possibly miss the joke?

Well, 63 million people, apparently. Makes me wonder how I went wrong. Every time those folks at my rallies cheered instead of laughing, I responded with something even more obviously untrue. Like, "We're going to build a wall, and Mexico is going to pay for it."

Could sarcasm be any more obvious? I always tried to say it in the tone of a sullen 15-year-old being asked how his classes were going: "Oh, *fabulous*, Dad! I just *love* my teachers. And I'm going to make *valedictorian*." But irony was lost on these people.

Even after I ended up in the White House, no one could grasp that I don't believe anything I say. I tried to highlight how puny my inauguration crowd was sending my press secretary, Sean Spicer, out to insist they were bigger than Obama's. And the news media reported it like he actually meant it! Do they think I'm blind?

Everyone knows that Kim Jong Un is one of the most vicious dictators who ever lived. Guy executed his own uncle! So when I said, "We fell in love," I assumed everyone would realize that what I meant was: "Can't stand him. Total douche. And a worse hairdo than mine." But noooooooo.

The other day, I had what I thought was some great new standup material to illustrate how badly I've handled the coronavirus crisis. I suggested you could cure the disease by shining bright lights and injecting disinfectants, thinking no one could possibly think I was serious.

But I was wrong! Some guys drank some cleaning products, and the maker of Lysol put out a statement saying, "Under no circumstance should our disinfectant products be administered into the human body (through injection, ingestion or any other route)." Well, duh.

This is another chance for my critics to accuse me of being a clueless fraud. All I can say is: It looks like satire is dead. But I really didn't mean to kill it.

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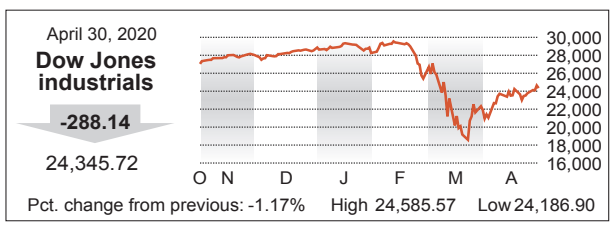

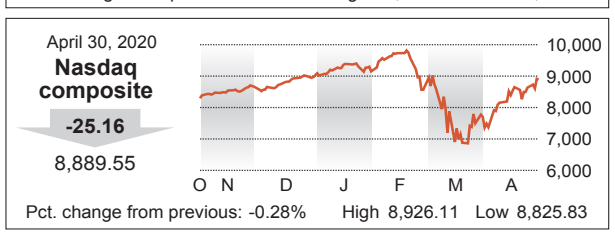

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PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold from mostly $26-27, Golden Delicious sold from $34-35, Fuji brought $29-30, Pink Lady brought $38-40, Gala sold from $34-36, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for $36, with fine appearance offerings $54-55. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $22-23, Gala sold from $23-26, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3-inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: Pyramid cartons/crates 11-pound bunched standard size from Peru sold much higher for mostly $41-42, while large white bunched from Peru sold higher for $21.50. Organic standard size green offerings from Mexico sold steady from mostly $22-24.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold higher from $24-25.50, while hand-picked offerings sold higher for $29.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 6-ounce cups with lids of medium-large berries from Florida and California sold steady for $11.50, with fine appearance offerings from California lower from $14-16. Organic offerings from California sold for $26, with fine appearance offerings $32. Strawberries in flats of l2 1-pound containers medium size from California sold higher from $12-12.50, with fine appearance offerings $19, while organic offerings brought $21, with fine appearance $24.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches organic offerings from Arizona/California sold for $19.50, with organic offerings lower from $22.50-24.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold steady from mostly $15-16, while red offerings sold for $21.50.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from Arizona/California sold lower from mostly $15-17, with organic offerings lower for $40-40.50.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color from Florida sold from mostly $15-16, with yellow $13-15.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold lower for $17, with selects $11 and large mostly $15-16, while carton 24s sold from mostly $8-10. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold lower for $24.50.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold lower for mostly $25-27, with organic offerings $32.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from Arizona/California sold higher for mostly $19-20, with organic offerings $30.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Valencia juice oranges sold for $22-23, while 72 count California navels sold from $24-27.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green jumbos sold much higher from $32-33, large brought $32-32.50, with choppers $14.50. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $20-22, while extra-large poblano sold for $22, serranos sold steady from $36-38, and medium Hungarian wax sold for $22.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini sold for $14 with medium zucchini from Mexico $13, while small size yellow straightneck sold higher from $12-14, with medium size $12.50-14. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of large size acorn sold for mostly $21-23, while butternut small sold from mostly $25-27, and spaghetti $25.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold higher for mostly $23-25, and cartons 2-layer offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size sold higher for $28. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Florida sold steady from mostly $9-11. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Florida and Mexico sold steady for $12. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold slightly higher from $27-29, with large size higher for $25-27.

OBITUARIES

Akuya Dixon

Nov. 6, 1991 – March 29, 2020

Akuya (A queen born on Wednesday) Nefertiti Dixon was born on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1991, in Milwaukee, to the union of George and Marcheta Dixon. Tete departed this life on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 1:30 a.m. in St. Louis.

Tete attended Milwaukee Public Schools, Chicago Public Schools, Benton Harbor High School and graduated from the Tri County Bridge Academy. As a teen and adult, she united with of Word of Truth Ministries under the leadership of Bishop James Hightower. She was water baptized and received Christ as her personal Savior. Tete was employed with Bluewater Plant in Benton Harbor until her untimely death.

Tete will forever be loved and cherished by a host of family, friends and distant relatives. She leaves with fond memories: her loving and devoted mother, Marcheta Beal; her loving father, George Dixon Sr.; her stepfather, Rennie Baxter; nine brothers: Corey "Greedyman" Walker, Pastor Willie "Boss" (Tiffany) Williams, George "Fella" (Uniqua) Dixon, Ali "Bubba" (Whitney Kyles) Dixon, Ishmael "Ish" Dixon, Darnell Moore, Aziz "Polar Bear" (Phantaysha Johnson) Dixon, Dantrell Baxter and Elijah "Bunta" Baxter; three sisters, Nadya "Nikki" Walker, Camelia "Meme" (Johntez JD Thomas) Dixon and Za'Keira "Stink" Baxter; grandmothers, Yvonne Sonii and Lauren Beal; numerous uncles and aunts; and a special friend, Ervin Wilson, and the children she helped to raise, Lil Ervin, Avion, Derrisha and Eshanti.

Tete's grandfathers, George Arthur Dixon and Wilbert Beal Sr.; uncles, Jomo Dixon, Karrieem Dixon, Wilbert Beal Jr. and Timothy Beal, all preceded her in death.

A private immediate family service will be held.

Kevin L. Streu

April 5, 1962 – April 29, 2020

Kevin L. Streu, 58 of Cadillac, Mich., passed away on April 29, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Kevin was born April 5, 1962, in Blue Island, Ill., to Charles and Charlene (Vanderwall) Streu. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a financial advisor for John Hancock Mutual Life, VALIC and The Legend Group. He enjoyed snowmobiling, boating and watching the news religiously.

Kevin is survived by his very special best friend, Betty Mitchell; his brother, Ross (Lisa) Streu of Coloma; nieces, Michelle and Tori; and nephew, Tyler. Also surviving are his two sisters-in-law, Kathy and Janet Streu.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Charlene; and his two brothers, Scott and Charlie.

Gloria Mae Kane

July 22, 1930 – April 29, 2020

Gloria Mae Kane, 89, formerly of Orland Park, Ill., passed away surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

A private graveside service will be held on Monday, May 4, at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Alsip, Ill. Memorial contributions in Gloria's name may be given to Caring Circle of Lakeland – Hospice at Home www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/caring-circle. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gloria was born July 22, 1930, in Berwyn, Ill., to John and Elvira (LaPine) Mauro. She was a graduate of Morton High School. Gloria married the love of her life, Robert, on Oct. 15, 1955. Gloria was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and homemaker.

Gloria will be missed by her daughters, Roseanne (Russ) Smith, Maria (Terry) Keenan and Elvie (Michael) Walsh; her grandchildren: Tim (Amanda) Keenan, Sarah (Jeron) Blood, Bob (Kate) Keenan, Bobby (Melissa) Walsh, Nick Walsh and Briana Walsh; her great-grandchildren: Lilah, Jack, Parker and soon-to-be Emma Keenan, Minnie and Charlie Blood and Adeline Walsh; and her brother, Carl (the late Maria) Mauro.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two siblings.

Death notices

Lisa Marie Foster, 57, of Keeler Township died April 28, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Hugh Hatcher, 57, of Niles died April 29, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Raymond P. Janssen, 96, of Dowagiac died April 22, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Newell Chapel, Decatur, 423-2561.

Gloria Mae Kane, 89, formerly of Orland Park, Ill., died April 29, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ruth A. Liska, 86, of Niles died April 25, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Kevin L. Streu, 58, of Cadillac, Mich., died April 29, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Carolyn Ruth Ziemer, 95, of St. Joseph died April 29, 2020, at The Whitcomb, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Shalonda Marie Burger

Aug. 21, 1979 – April 26, 2020

Shalonda Burger was called home to Jesus on Sunday, April 26, 2020, surrounded by her loved ones in Berrien Springs.

On Aug. 21, 1979, in Berrien Springs, Herschell and Yolanda (Glenn) Williams Jr. welcomed Shalonda into this world. A 1997 graduate of Berrien Springs High School, Shalonda earned her bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University, and recently returned to graduate school. She was devoted to family, never missing her son's games. She was a member of Freedom Life Church in Benton Harbor.

Shalonda was preceded in death by her mother, Yolanda Glenn-Williams.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Burger of Berrien Springs; her father, Herschell Williams Jr. of South Bend, Ind.; grandmothers, Katherine Glenn of Berrien Springs and Nagena Williams of South Bend; her siblings, Herschell (Carmen) Williams III of South Bend, Jeremy Williams Sr. of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Jade Antonelli of Berrien Springs. She will also be missed by countless family members and friends.

Due to the current, unprecedented guidelines limiting public gatherings because of the COVID-19 virus, there will be a private family gathering on Friday, May 1, at Rose Hill Cemetery. A video of the funeral service will be available on our Facebook page and website on Friday by 4 p.m. A public memorial service to celebrate Shalonda's life will take place on her birthday this year and more information will be forthcoming. Condolences, photos and memories can be left for Shalonda's family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, Niles.

NYC actor serenades front-line workers

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — It's a stunning sound, emerging amid the clanging and the whooping and the banging and the honking at 7 p.m. each night as New Yorkers cheer front-line workers: the velvety, buttery baritone of Brian Stokes Mitchell.

For decades, Mitchell's voice has been one of the most celebrated in the Broadway theater, evoking goosebumps in musicals like "Kiss Me, Kate," for which he won a Tony, and "Man of La Mancha," in which he played Don Quixote. Now, with Broadway's houses shuttered due to the coronavirus, the voice rings out from a fifth-floor apartment on the Upper West Side – fittingly on Broadway, a couple miles up from the theater district.

"This is my quest," Mitchell sings, leaning precariously out his window, launching directly into the meatiest part of "The Impossible Dream."

"To follow that star. No matter how hopeless, no matter how far ..."

Below, and across the avenue in their apartments, neighbors cheer. But Mitchell, 62, is looking to serenade crews of ambulances, fire engines, police cars, or medical workers from the nearby urgent care facility. When they do stop and listen – as a city bus did recently – Mitchell sings directly to them. And when people clap, he sweeps his arms over the workers, as if to say: "Not me. Them."

Mitchell's gratitude, expressed nightly the last few weeks, stems from a very personal ordeal. He himself is a survivor of the coronavirus, falling ill in late March. One night, he had a fever nearing 105 degrees, and almost was hospitalized. He's been symptom-free for three weeks.

"I'd been going to the window to applaud for the health care workers like everybody else in New York," he says. "Then one night I spontaneously thought, 'Oh, I think my lungs feel like I can sing now.'"

And so, he did. He thought it would be a one-night gig. He was mistaken. People kept coming.

"To fight for the right, without question or pause, to be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!" Mitchell smiles as he repeats the words, amazed at how appropriate they are for medical workers fighting an "unbeatable foe."

"People think it's just called 'The Impossible Dream,' but it's also called 'The Quest,'" he says. "It's not about DOING the impossible. It's about trying."

When the city shut down, Mitchell was working on numerous projects. "Everything was canceled," he says. "I have no idea when they'll come back. A year? Six months? Unfortunately I think our sector will be one of the last to come back fully."

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 9 pounds, 3.8 ounces, Jessica and Daniel Isbrecht, 7:33 p.m. April 25.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, Athenna Poe, 3:52 a.m. April 28.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, Jaquaysia Welch and Clint Wysinger

Coloma – Boy, 6 pounds, 11.6 ounces, Caitlyn and Matthew Mannino, 4:42 p.m. April 22.

Coloma – Girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, Jade Moschioni and Brandon Dockham, 7:11 a.m. April 24.

St. Joseph – Boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, Heather Kirby, 12:07 p.m. April 29.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, Amanda and Rafael Melo, 4:38 a.m. April 25.

St. Joseph – Boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, Danielle and Tony Riegel, 9:40 a.m. April 21.

Sawyer – Girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, Ali Prince and Shawn Smith, 2:00 p.m. April 22.

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25 years ago – 1995

The Hennes Co. has been in business in the Twin Cities for 102 years, but it's not standing still. The men and women's clothing store opened today in its new location at 306 State St. It had been on the edge of downtown, in leased space at 800 Ship St., since 1973.

The store is owned by Richard and Laya Hennes and their son, David. Richard's grandfather, Maier Hennes, started the business in 1893.

35 years ago – 1985

Junior Achievement of Blossomland, Inc. will construct a new building in St. Joseph, JA President Steve Peterson announced at the organization's annual banquet last night at Lake Michigan College. The 6,288-square-foot building will be southeast of the intersection of Division Street and St. Joseph Avenue. The building will be a joint venture with Gateway Vocational Rehabilitation Center. Peterson said that JA will pay the entire construction cost and own the building. Gateway will pay all utility and maintenance expenses and will not be charged rent.

50 years ago – 1970

Some 350 policemen from 35 departments attended the requiem mass for Benton Township police Sgt. Robert Stevens, 36, who was slain Wednesday at the Holmsted restaurant while on a coffee break. Officers from Ohio, Illinois and Indiana joined municipal, county and state policemen from throughout Michigan in paying their respects to Sgt. Stevens. A 24-hour honor guard was maintained around the casket as it lay in state at Reiser's Funeral Home.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, May 1, the 122nd day of 2020. There are 244 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 1, 1992, on the third day of the Los Angeles riots, a visibly shaken Rodney King appeared in public to appeal for calm, pleading, "Can we all get along?"

On this date:

In 1707, the Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.

In 1915, the RMS Lusitania set sail from New York, headed for Liverpool, England (it was torpedoed and sunk by Germany off the coast of Ireland six days later).

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated. Singer Kate Smith made her debut on CBS Radio on her 24th birthday.

In 1945, a day after Adolf Hitler took his own life, Admiral Karl Doenitz effectively became sole leader of the Third Reich with the suicide of Hitler's propaganda minister, Josef Goebbels.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane over Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1963, James W. Whittaker became the first American to conquer Mount Everest as he and Sherpa guide Nawang Gombu reached the summit.

In 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. (They divorced in 1973.) Anastasio Somoza Debayle became president of Nicaragua.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers
53°	44°	62° / 50°	58° / 45°	52° / 42°	53° / 43°

Local Outlook

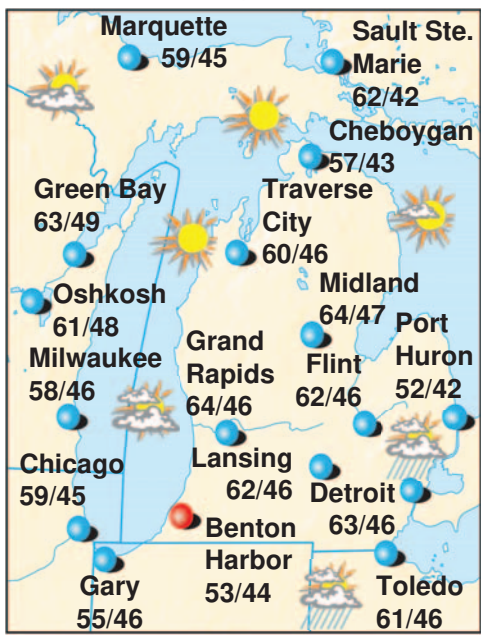
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 53°, humidity of 65%. West northwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 44°. South southeast wind 1 to 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 42°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:40 a.m.
Sunset	8:45 p.m.
Moonrise	1:46 p.m.
Moonset	3:43 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
5/7	5/14	5/22	5/29

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	47°
Low	40°
Normal High	65°
Normal Low	43°
Record High	85° in 2001
Record Low	30° in 2008

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.15"
Month to date	5.36"
Normal for month	3.53"
Year to date	12.25"
Normal Year to date	9.18"

Air Quality

Yesterday	38
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

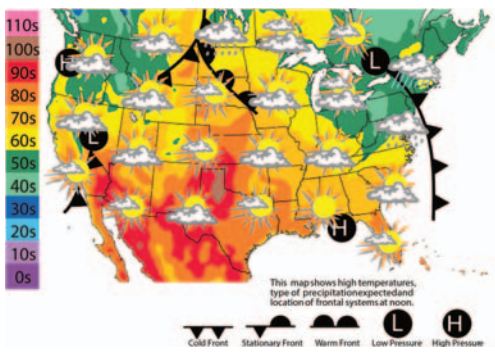
Weather Trivia

What U.S. city has the most number of rainy days per year?

Answer: Hilo, Hawaii averages 278 rainy days in a year.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 1, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, N wind 6 to 10 kt. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 50s and 60s. Northwest wind 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with widespread showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. South wind 2 to 8 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. West northwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 60s. South wind 5 to 8 mph.

Navy hospital ships, once thought critical, see few patients

By JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

About a month ago, with Los Angeles girding for a potentially crippling surge of coronavirus cases, a massive white Navy hospital ship chugged into port: a powerful symbol of the government's response to the pandemic.

The USNS Mercy, with 1,000 hospital beds and giant red crosses on its sides, was welcomed by California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Mayor Eric Garcetti. Both officials were making grim predictions that LA could soon look like New York City, the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak, and Garcetti noted the ship immediately became his city's largest hospital.

That day may have been the high-water mark for the Mercy, which suffered a virus outbreak among its crew and was the target of a train engineer who hijacked a locomotive and crashed it near the ship. He told investigators the vessel was part of a government plot.

Ultimately, Los Angeles hasn't been overrun with virus cases, and so the Mercy has not had to play its envisioned role of being a safety net in order to allow hospitals to focus on treating those infected with the virus.

The Mercy is not alone: As virus infections have slowed or fell short of worst-case predictions, the globe is dotted with unused or barely used temporary hospitals. The Navy's other hospital ship, the USNS Comfort, left New York on Thursday as the outlook improves there. It treated 182 patients.

Since arriving at the end of March, the Mercy has treated just over 70 non-coronavirus patients for everything from heart and lung conditions to gastrointestinal problems. On Thursday, it had just nine patients on board. Its 750 medical crew members cycle through to provide treatment but otherwise are staying at local hotels to avoid another outbreak.

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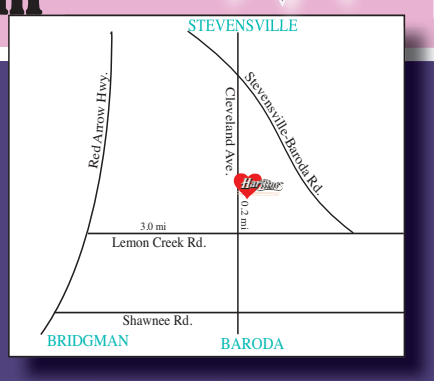

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